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HAND DELIVERED

William Bown  
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Re: Conditional Tentative Approval of Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Bonneville Quarries, Inc., Grouse Creek Mountain Mine, M/003/031, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bown:

The Division has completed a review of your draft Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the Grouse Creek Mountain Mine, located in Box Elder County, Utah, which was received February 6, 2002. After reviewing the information, the Division is prepared to issue tentative approval of the amendment. Before final approval is granted, the following conditions will need to be addressed. Please provide a written response to these conditions by May 13, 2002.

Condition #1:

Since 'Route B' is located on BLM lands, the operator must receive approval from the BLM prior to construction of this route. A copy of the proposal has been forwarded to the BLM for their review. Please provide proof that the BLM has issued approval for this road construction.

Condition #2:

Since this proposal will add approximately 2.7 acres, the reclamation surety will need to be adjusted. The operator will need to maintain surety on the portion that is scheduled for reclamation until the reclamation work is completed and reclamation success has been determined by the Division. Since it has been nearly four years since this operation was originally approved, the Division proposes to re-evaluate the bond for the entire site before any changes are made to the surety. The new surety amount will be required within 30 days of the Division's re-evaluation.

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**Condition #3:**


As stated in your proposal, a site inspection will need to be completed. After this inspection, the Division will complete the bond re-evaluation. We anticipate this inspection will be performed by late May to early June, 2002.

**Condition #4:**

Before we can consider approving a variance to leave the proposed routes (A and C) unreclaimed for post-mining land use, the variance request must meet the requirements of R647-4-112. This rule requires a demonstration (justification) that the roads are needed for the intended postmining land use. Since these road segments are on private lands, it will also require a letter from the land owner(s) that they concur with the need for the roads and that they will assume all responsibility for these roads upon termination of mining operations.

The Division will suspend further review and final approval of the amended notice until your response is received and these conditions are satisfied. If you have any questions in this regard please contact me, or Lynn Kunzler of the Minerals Staff. If you wish to arrange a meeting to sit down and discuss this review, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this permitting action.

Sincerely,



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Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Mike Ford, BLM, (U-72296)  
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